

Named One of America's Prettiest Small Towns

Historic *Edenton* and Chowan County



Activity Guide

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HISTORY LIVES HERE.

So does charm. Outdoor activities. Arts and antiques, festivals and celebrations. Dining, shopping, good conversation, and gracious hospitality. A rich heritage of living well, dating back more than 350 years.



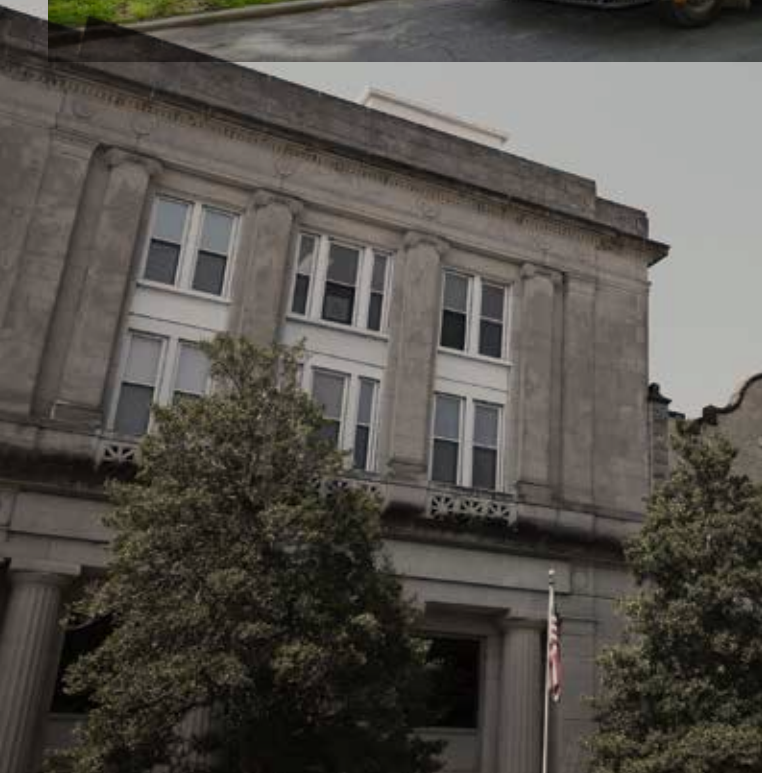
We invite you to start at our Welcome Center, the 1762 Penelope Barker House. There, you'll receive a warm welcome and an introduction to the town's history and heritage—including the 1767 Courthouse and the 250-year-old Cupola House—as well as public and private homes, inns, churches, the Roanoke River Lighthouse, a Maritime Underground Railroad site, and even an historic ballpark.

You may also want to take advantage of the many opportunities for outdoor fun, including kayaking, fishing and other water sports, hiking and golf.

We invite you to visit us in northeast North Carolina. You may fall in love with our town and decide to stay, as folks have done since the 17th century.

Explore and enjoy our beautiful and historic area or come and just sit by our waterfront while savoring the day.

History lives here in Edenton and Chowan County.



AND HERE.



THE EDENTON TEA PARTY

was the earliest organized women's political action in American history. On October 25, 1774, fifty-one women in Edenton formed an alliance wholeheartedly supporting the American cause against "taxation without representation." Learn more about this important event at the Penelope Barker House Welcome Center.

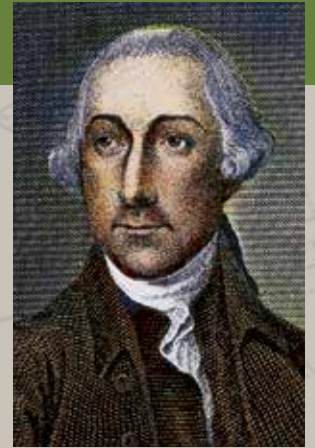


HARRIET JACOBS

Edenton native, escaped slave, abolitionist, and writer hid here for seven years as a fugitive. Her memoir—*Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*—was one of the first narratives about the struggle for freedom by a female slave.

JOSEPH HEWES

The first colonial Secretary of the Navy, Hewes also signed the Declaration of Independence. Edenton's beautiful waterfront was Joseph Hewes' inspiration to create a colonial navy and break the British blockade of Boston.



AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE

African-American Life in Edenton, 1700s to the Present' and Harriet Jacobs –themed tour information can be found by contacting or going to the Historic Edenton State Historic Site Visitor Center.



1767 CHOWAN COURTHOUSE

Most intact colonial courthouse in America. Joseph Hewes was one of the commissioners appointed to raise money for its construction. Prominent revolutionary patriots, Judges James Iredell, and Samuel Johnston heard cases here.

1 THE PENELOPE BARKER HOUSE WELCOME CENTER

A waterfront historic house offering local information, maps, trolley tours of historic sites, exhibits, restrooms, book/gift shop. Known as 'Edenton's Living Room', it is a nice place to relax and enjoy views of Edenton Bay. 10a-5p daily

On the National Register of Historic Places

505 South Broad Street • 252.482.7800 • EHCNC.org

2 1767 CHOWAN COURTHOUSE

The restored structure is now open for touring and community events. Under state law, the North Carolina Supreme Court can meet in only two other cities outside of Raleigh - Edenton and Morganton. The Courthouse Green runs from the Courthouse to the Revolutionary War cannon fronting Edenton Bay, and is lined with historic private homes. Part of the Historic Edenton State Historic Building Tours.



A National Historic Landmark

117 E King Street • 252.482.2637 • HistoricSites.nc.gov/Edenton

3 CHOWAN ARTS COUNCIL GALLERY

Gallery and shop with fine arts, crafts by regional artists, and changing exhibits.

112 West Water Street • 252.482.8005 • ChowanArts.com

4 CHOWAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The Office of the Register of Deeds has genealogy records and a complete cemetery survey of more than 5,000 grave sites from the early 1700s to the present.

101 S Broad Street • 252.482.2619 • ChowanCounty-NC.gov

5 CHOWAN COUNTY JAIL

One of the oldest jail in North Carolina, opened in 1825, is newly open to visitors. The jail housed criminals and served as a debtors prison. At the time it closed in 1980, it was the oldest jail in continuous operation in the US. The jail, located behind the 1767 Chowan Courthouse and the Jailors House, can be visited by contacting the Penelope Barker House Welcome Center.

Behind 117 E King Street • 252.482.7800 • EHCNC.org

6 CUPOLA HOUSE

Built in 1758 for Francis Corbin, an agent for Lord Granville, one of the eight Lords Proprietors of the Province (colony) of Carolina. Enjoy the Cupola House gardens, restored from plans dated 1769. The house may be seen as part of Historic Edenton State Historic Site walking tours Tues-Sat, 1pm and Sun, 12-3pm, April-October



A National Historic Landmark

408 South Broad Street • 252.482.2637 • CupolaHouse.org

7 EDENTON COTTON MILL VILLAGE & MUSEUM OF HISTORY

Donated to Preservation North Carolina in 1995, this intact mill complex has been preserved and is now a thriving residential neighborhood. Stroll the streets of historic cottages and the boardwalk located behind the mill, and explore the Edenton Cotton Mill Museum of History, open Sat-Sun, 10am-2pm.

On the National Register of Historic Places

420 Elliott Street • MillVillageMuseum.org

COLONIAL WATERFRONT PARK

8 1886 ROANOKE RIVER LIGHTHOUSE



The lighthouse was originally located on screw-pilings in the Albemarle Sound marking the entrance to the Roanoke River near Plymouth. The lighthouse is believed to be the last extant example in the United States of a square frame building built for a screw-pile base. The lighthouse was in commission from 1887 until 1941. Tues-Sat, 10am-4pm.

9 EDENTON HARBOR

Offers protected dockage with nine transient boat slips, rest rooms with showers, a playground, picnic tables and grills, as well as kayak and paddleboard rentals and launch.

7 Dock Street • 252.482.2637

HistoricSites.nc.gov/Edenton

Harbor and park information: 252.482.2832 or 252.337.4488



10 EDENTON FARMERS MARKET

Local produce, seafood and meats, personal care and craft items, often accompanied by live music. Sat mornings.

200 North Broad Street • 252.209.4792 • EdentonFarmersMarket.org

11 ELIZABETH VANN MOORE PARK

Waterfront park with picnic tables, fishing and kayak launch, Hugh Williamson monument.

210 East Water Street • 252.482.7352 • TownOfEdenton.com

12 HISTORIC EDENTON STATE HISTORIC SITE VISITORS CENTER

Guided historic building tours, film presentation, exhibits, information, maps, and rest rooms. Handicap accessible; two wheelchairs available. Group tours available with advance notice. Tues-Sat, 9am-5pm.

108 North Broad Street • 252.482.2637 • HistoricSites.nc.gov/Edenton

13 HISTORIC HICKS FIELD

Hicks Field was built as a WPA project in 1939. Its wooden grandstand is the only one remaining in North Carolina. During the summer season, Hicks Field is home to the Edenton Steamers, a summer collegiate baseball team.

On the National Register of Historic Places

111 East Freemason Street • 252.482.4080 • EdentonSteamers.com

14 IREDELL HOUSE HOMESITE

1800/1827 home of James Iredell, Associate Justice on the first US Supreme Court, and NC Superior Court Judge and Attorney General during the American Revolution. Birthplace of James Iredell, Jr., Governor of North Carolina, 1827-1828. The house may be seen as part of the historic building tours.

On the National Register of Historic Places

107 East Church Street • 252.482.2637 • HistoricSites.nc.gov/Edenton

15 ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The second-oldest surviving church building in North Carolina, 1736-1760. This still-active parish, organized under the first Vestry Act of 1701, holds the oldest charter in the state. Three colonial governors are buried in the historic churchyard cemetery.

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101 West Gale Street • 252.482.2637 • HistoricSites.nc.gov/Edenton

16 SHEPARD-PRUDEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Public access computers, a courtyard garden, genealogy records and a North Carolina collection. Mon-Sat, times vary. Preschool story hour, Wednesday mornings, 11am. Monthly programming for all ages, call for schedule and topics.

106 West Water Street • 252.482.4112

PettigrewLibraries.LibGuides.com/PRL/SPML

17 TAYLOR TWIN THEATER

1925 movie theater offering first-run matinee and evening shows.

208 South Broad Street • 252.368.1595

18 EDENTON-CHOWAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Offices of the Chamber, Economic Development & Tourism Development

101 West Water Street • 252.482.0300

THE ACTIVE LIFE



ALBEMARLE REGIONAL PADDLE TRAIL SYSTEM

Five designated canoe/kayak trails through scenic creeks and streams.

252.482.7437

JOHN'S ISLAND CAMPING PLATFORMS

Two single platforms and a cluster of three for groups, close to Edenton's waterfront and downtown.

252.482.8595

ECO-TOURISM

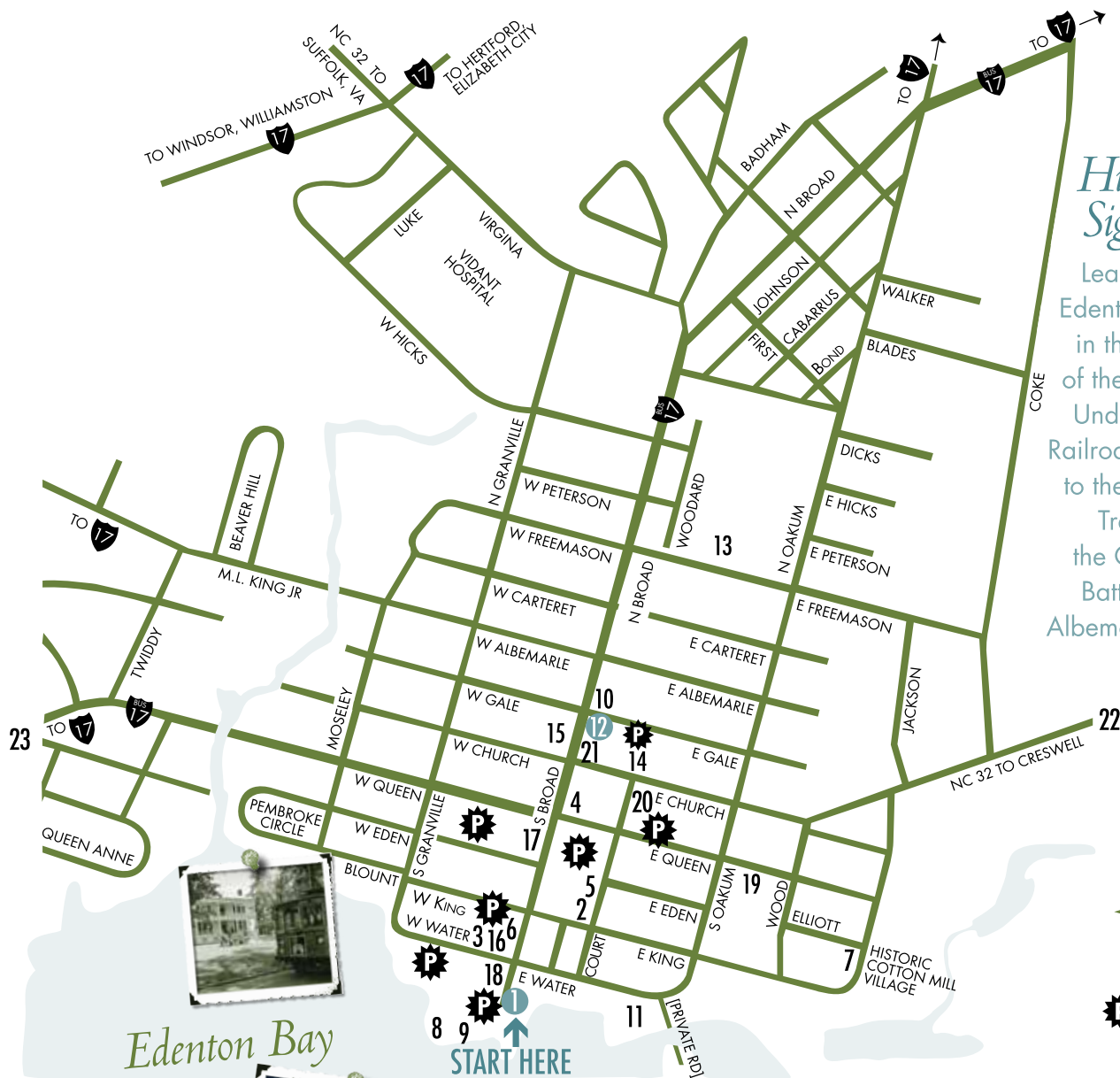
For information on outdoor activities in Edenton and Chowan County.

252.482.0300 or 800.775.0111 • VisitEdenton.com.



EDENTON

POINTS OF INTEREST



History Signage

Learn about Edenton's place in the history of the Maritime Underground Railroad Network to the Freedom Trail and the Civil War Battle of the Albemarle Sound.



Edenton Bay

START HERE

Drive or walk by:

- 19 North Carolina's Oldest House
c. 1718 at 304 East Queen St
- 20 Swain Auditorium

Additional sites:

- 21 U.S. Post Office
- 22 Northeast Regional Airport
- 23 American Legion Fairgrounds

CHOWAN

POINTS OF INTEREST

1 AMERICAN LEGION POST 40 AND CHOWAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

1317 West Queen Street Extension
252.482.4057 • ChowanFair.com

2 BENNETT'S MILLPOND

North Carolina Birding Trail,
canoeing, kayaking, primitive
camping, boardwalk, pavilion
2100 Rocky Hock Road
252.482.8595

3 CANNON'S FERRY HERITAGE

River Walk and J. Robert Hendrix
Park, a Civil War trail marker
'War on the Chowan River:
Buffalo Country', picnicking,
paddling, fisheries exhibit
315 Cannon's Ferry Road
252.482.8595

8 THE LINKS AT MULBERRY HILL

18-hole golf course, clubhouse,
pool, tennis courts, pro shop
1101 West Soundshore Drive
252.482.3606

9 NORTHEASTERN REGIONAL AIRPORT

Former WWII marine air station;
6000' runway, terminal and fuel
113 Airport Road
252.482.4664

10 NORTHERN CHOWAN COMMUNITY CENTER

Gym, kitchen, meeting room,
tennis and basketball courts,
track, and athletic field, open
to the public for a small fee
2869 Virginia Road
252.221.4901

11 PEMBROKE CREEK PARK AND BAYSIDE MARINA

Fishing, boat ramp, 
canoe launch, and tournaments
802 West Queen Street
252-482-8595

12 ROCKY HOCK CAMPGROUND

Full RV hookups with water,
sewer, electricity
1008 David's Red Barn Lane
252.221.4695

13 WHARF LANDING MARINA

Self-service marina, boat ramp
Captains Cove Road
252-482-7071

14 WILDLIFE ACCESS AREA

600' fishing pier, 
double boat ramp, restrooms
248 Wharf Landing Road
252.482.8595



AMERICA'S BEST VALUE INN

501 Virginia Road • 252-482-2017

CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS INN c. 1907

202 West Queen Street • 252-482-8945 • CaptainsQuartersInn.com

COACH HOUSE

823 North Broad Street • 252-482-2107

COTTON GIN INN c. 1900

110 Old Hertford Road • 252-368-4881 • TheCottonGinInn.com

HAMPTON INN

115 Hampton Road • 252-482-3500

INNER BANKS INN c. 1802-1915

103 E Albemarle Street • 757-580-8538 • InnerBanksInn.com

MULBERRY HILL BED & BREAKFAST INN c. 1791

200 Mulberry Hill • 252-509-1450 • MulberryHillInn.com

UPPER BROAD EXTENDED STAY

601 N Broad Street • 888-593-3368

VisitEdenton.com for lodging information and links.

DISMAL SWAMP CANAL WELCOME CENTER

South Mills • 252.771.8333

DISMAL SWAMP STATE PARK & NATURAL AREA

South Mills • 252.771.6593

HOPE PLANTATION

Windsor • 252.794.3140

LIVERMON PARK & MINI ZOO

Windsor • 252.794.5553

MERCHANTS MILLPOND STATE PARK

Canoe rentals, hiking, and biking trails
Gatesville • 252.357.1191

MUSEUM OF THE ALBEMARLE

Elizabeth City • 252.335.1453

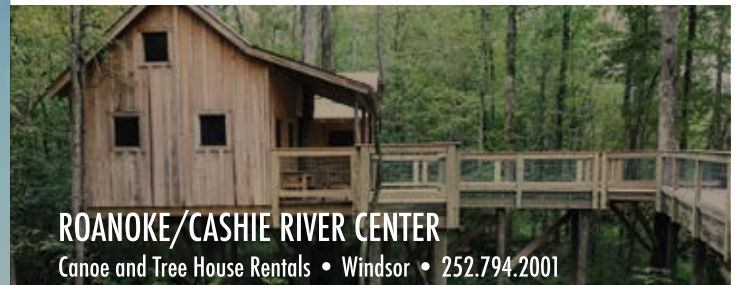


NEWBOLD-WHITE HOUSE

Hertford • 252.426.7567

PETTIGREW STATE PARK

Creswell • 252.797.4475



ROANOKE/CASHIE RIVER CENTER

Canoe and Tree House Rentals • Windsor • 252.794.2001

SCUPPERNONG RIVER WALK

Columbia • 252.796.0723

SOMERSET PLACE

Creswell • 252.797.4560

TOWN OF EDENTON IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TOWN OF EDENTON 252.482.7352

CHOWAN COUNTY 252.482.8431

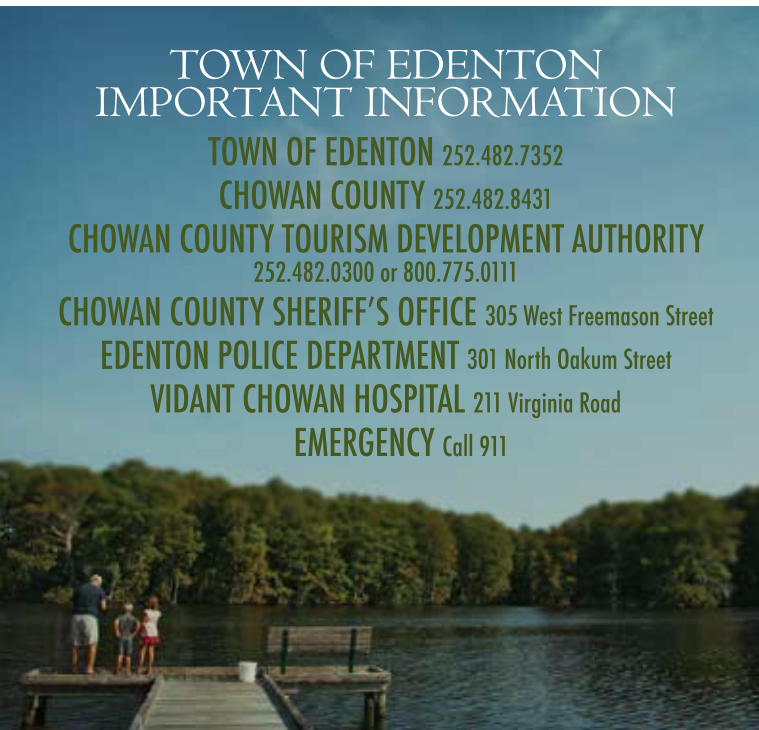
CHOWAN COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
252.482.0300 or 800.775.0111

CHOWAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 305 West Freemason Street

EDENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 301 North Oakum Street

VIDANT CHOWAN HOSPITAL 211 Virginia Road

EMERGENCY Call 911



EDENTON IS THE COUNTY SEAT FOR CHOWAN COUNTY,
FOUNDED IN 1668.



EDENTON IS LESS THAN 90 MINUTES FROM NORFOLK, VA
AS WELL AS FROM THE BEACHES OF NC'S OUTER BANKS.



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**Chowan County
Tourism Development Authority**

101 West Water Street • PO Box 245
Edenton, NC 27932
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